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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

As noted in the enclosed copy of the September 26, 2018 Order of the North Dakota Public Service Commission, the carriers listed have accounted to the North Dakota Public Service Commission by affidavit that all federal support they receive will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Therefore, pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a), the North Dakota Public Service Commission certifies for the carriers listed (see attached list) all federal high-cost support provided to the carriers was used in the preceding calendar year (2017) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2019) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Best regards,

Patrick Fahh  
Director, Public Utilities Division  
ND Public Service Commission  
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Enclosures

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<b>Telecommunications Carrier</b>		<b>Study Area Code</b>
Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Company, Inc.	Rural	381601
Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership	CETC	389009
BEK Communications Cooperative	Rural	381604
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC	Rural	381131
Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.	Rural	386325
Consolidated Telcom	Rural	381607
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.	Rural	381610
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative	Rural	381610
Daktel Communications LLC	Rural	386128
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative	Rural	381611
Griggs County Telephone Co.	Rural	381615 & 381622
Halstad Telephone Company	Rural-MN & ND	361401 & 389002
Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C.	Rural	381616
James Valley Telecommunications	Rural-SD	391664
Loretel Systems, Inc.	Rural-MN	361443
Midcontinent Communications	CETC	389011
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc.	Rural-MT	482246
Midstate Communications Inc.	Rural	381638
Midstate Telephone Company, LLC	Rural	381617
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.	Rural	382247
Nemont Telephone Cooperative Inc.	Rural	382247
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC	CETC	389015
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership	CETC	389006
North Dakota 5- Kidder Limited Partnership	CETC	389010
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership	CETC	389008
North Dakota Telephone Company	Rural	381447
Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative Association	Rural	381625
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership	CETC	389007
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation dba Polar Communications	Rural	381630 & 381614
Polar Telcom, Inc.	Rural	389003
Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	Non-rural	385144
RC Technologies	Rural-SD	399010 & 391674
Red River Rural Telephone Association dba Red River Communications	Rural	381631
Reservation Telephone Cooperative	Rural	381632
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.	CETC & Mobility	389013, 388001, 388002, 388003, 388004, 388005, 388006
SRT Communications, Inc.	Rural	383303
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.	Rural	381636
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation	Rural	381636
Venture Communications Cooperative	Rural-SD	391680
West River Telecommunications Cooperative	Rural	381637
Wolverton Telephone Company	Rural	381509

**APPROVED**

DATE: Sept. 26, 2018

**MOTION**



**September 26, 2018**

**Public Service Commission  
USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2019)  
Compliance**

**Case No. PU-18-284**

I move the Commission adopt the Order Certifying Use of Federal Universal Services Support in Public Service Commission, USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2019), Compliance, Case No. PU-18-284.

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Public Service Commission**  
**USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2019)**  
**Compliance**

**Case No. PU-18-284**

**ORDER CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICES SUPPORT**

**September 26, 2018**

Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) requires that telecommunications carriers use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended." Code of Federal Regulations Title 47, Section 54.314(a) requires: "States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." State certification must be filed no later than October 1 of each year in order for certified telecommunications carriers to receive support for the following year, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

On August 28, 2002, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) issued an order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 indicating that any telecommunications carrier providing local exchange service in North Dakota that desires to have NDPSC certification to the FCC under 47 C.F.R. §54.314 shall file an affidavit with the NDPSC by September 14 of each year, as described in the order, certifying that federal support they receive is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e). The NDPSC further ordered that affidavits filed with the NDPSC will be the basis for the NDPSC's certification to the FCC.

Affidavits regarding use of federal universal service support were filed with the NDPSC by the companies listed in the ordering clause below.

Under North Dakota law, the NDPSC has limited jurisdiction over rural telecommunications carriers. The FCC in its order recognized that some states have only limited regulatory oversight to ensure that federal universal support is reflected in intrastate rates and concluded that such states may nonetheless certify to the FCC that carriers in the state had accounted to the state commission for receipt of federal support, and that the support will be used as required under Section 254(e). (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 188). The FCC also recognized that some carriers may not be subject to the jurisdiction of a state regulatory authority, and in those instances carriers

can certify directly to the FCC by means of a sworn affidavit executed by a corporate officer attesting to the use of the support only for purposes permitted under the Act. (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 189).

Based on the foregoing, the NDPSC issues the following:

### Order

1. The NDPSC certifies that the following Eligible Telecommunications Carriers providing local exchange service in North Dakota have accounted to the NDPSC by affidavit that all federal support that was used in the preceding calendar year and all federal support that will be used in the coming calendar year will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, under and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the company's study area.

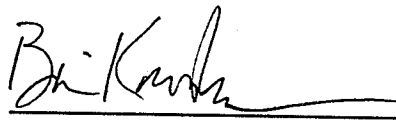
Absaraka Co-operative Telephone  
Company, Inc.  
Badlands Cellular of North Dakota  
Limited Partnership  
BEK Communications Cooperative  
Citizens Telecommunications Company  
of Minnesota, LLC  
Consolidated Communications  
Networks, Inc.  
Consolidated Telcom  
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.  
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New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

North Dakota 5 – Kidder Limited  
Partnership  
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited  
Partnership  
North Dakota Telephone Company  
Northwest Communications  
Cooperative, A Cooperative  
Association  
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North  
Dakota Limited Partnership  
Polar Communications Mutual Aid  
Corporation d/b/a Polar  
Communications  
Polar Telcom, Inc.  
Qwest Communications dba  
CenturyLink QC  
RC Technologies  
Red River Rural Telephone  
Association, d/b/a Red River  
Communications  
Reservation Telephone Cooperative  
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.  
SRT Communications, Inc.  
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.  
United Telephone Mutual Aid  
Corporation  
Venture Communications Cooperative  
West River Telecommunications  
Cooperative  
Wolverton Telephone Company

North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota  
Limited Partnership

2. The NDPSC certification is based upon the affidavits filed by the foregoing named Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.
3. The North Dakota Public Service Commission will send a copy of each of the filed affidavits to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Brian Kroshus**  
Commissioner



**Randy Christmann**  
Chairman



**Julie Fedorchak**  
Commissioner

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FCC Docket No. 10-90

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
IN CASE NO. PU-18-284 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota        )  
  ) ss.  
County of Cass                )

Ann Faught, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company (SAC 381601) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an ETC.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

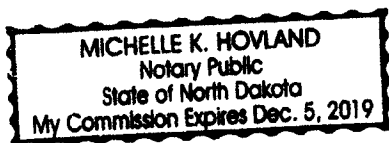
Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

**ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY**

By: Ann Faught  
Ann Faught  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Cass             )

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared ANN FAUGHT, known to me to be the Manager of ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY (SAC 381601), the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Michelle Hovland  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: Dec. 5, 2019



**BEFORE THE  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,  
CASE NO. PU-18-284**

**AND BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC  
DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
BADLANDS CELLULAR OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389009 to the Company.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the July 23, 2018 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-18-284. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019.
5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is



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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90  
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

**AFFIDAVIT OF BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota        )  
                                      ) ss.  
County of Kidder            )

Derrick Bulawa, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by BEK Communications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to BEK Communications Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the

following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

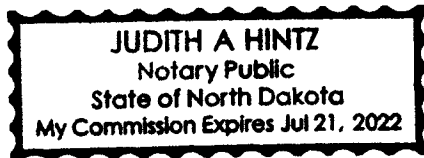
Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2018.

BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

By [Signature]  
Derrick Bulawa  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Kidder         )

On this 3 day of August, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DERRICK BULAWA, known to me to be the Manager of BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



[Signature]  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota

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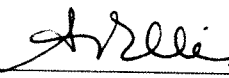
STATE OF CONNECTICUT                 )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD                 )

Allison M. Ellis, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC, Study Area Code 361123, (the "Company"), as its Vice President, Regulatory Affairs. Affiant is an officer of the Company and is authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the request of the Company for certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in CC Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) and the order of the FCC released November 18, 2011 in CC Docket Number 96-45 and WC Docket Number 10-90 et al. (FCC 11-161), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support provided to such carriers within each state was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used by in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002 in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019.
5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support it received during the four quarters of 2017 was used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support was intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7, and that the Company used the Support to support the services designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 as in effect at that time. The Company also certifies that the federal Support it will receive during the four quarters of 2019 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant

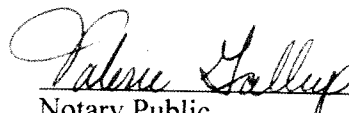
to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R § 54.7, and that the Company will use the Support to support the services designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
Allison M. Ellis

STATE OF CONNECTICUT     )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD     )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

  
Notary Public

VALERIE GALLUP  
NOTARY PUBLIC OF CONNECTICUT  
My Commission Expires 7/31/2021

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**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90  
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC.  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Stark            )

Paul Schuetzler, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding Calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout

the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

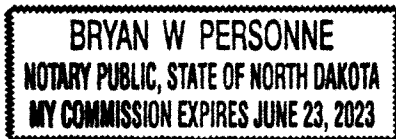
Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

**CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS  
NETWORKS, INC.**

By Paul Schuetzler  
Paul Schuetzler  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Stark            )

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PAUL SCHUETZLER, known to me to be the Manager of CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



[Signature]  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota



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**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90  
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF CONSOLIDATED TELCOM  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota       )  
  ) ss.  
County of Stark                )

Paul Schuetzler, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Consolidated Telcom (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018 and all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Consolidated Telcom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice

grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

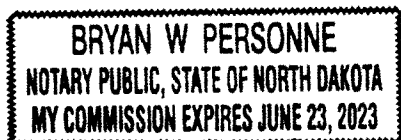
Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

**CONSOLIDATED TELCOM**

By Paul Schuetzler  
Paul Schuetzler  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Stark            )

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PAUL SCHUETZLER, known to me to be the Manager of CONSOLIDATED TELCOM, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



[Signature]  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90  
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, INC.  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota       )  
  ) ss.  
County of Foster               )

Keith Larson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018 and all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

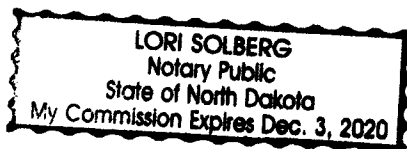
Dated this 6 day of August, 2018.

DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, INC.

By Keith A. Larson  
Keith Larson  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Foster            )

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH LARSON, known to me to be the Manager of DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, Inc., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Lori Solberg  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90  
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota     )  
                                      ) ss.  
County of Foster            )

Keith Larson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018 and all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the

Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

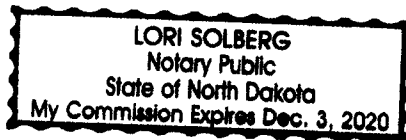
Dated this 6 day of August, 2018.

DAKOTA CENTRAL  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

By Keith A. Larson  
Keith Larson  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Foster            )

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH LARSON, known to me to be the Manager of DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Lori Solberg  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota

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**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90  
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC. REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota        )  
  ) ss.  
County of Foster            )


Keith Larson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Daktel Communications, LLC. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018 and all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Daktel Communications, LLC. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice

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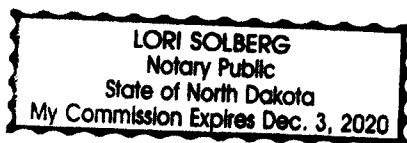
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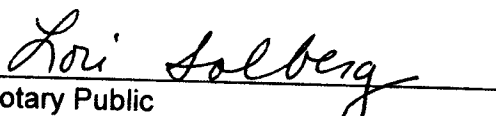
DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.

By   
Keith Larson  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Foster         )

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEITH LARSON, known to me to be the Manager of DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 12/3/20



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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90  
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

**AFFIDAVIT OF DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota       )  
  ) ss.  
County of Dickey               )

Robert Johnson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018 and all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

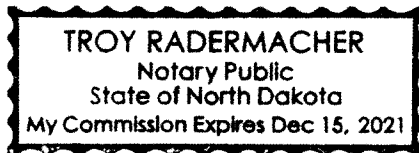
Dated this 23 day of August, 2018.

**DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE  
COOPERATIVE**

By [Signature]  
Robert Johnson  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Dickey            )

On this 23 day of August, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared ROBERT JOHNSON, known to me to be the Manager of DICKY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



[Signature]  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
IN CASE NO. PU-18-284 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY  
CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Cass             )

Tyler Kilde, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381615) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of President.

2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an ETC.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381615) was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will

use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

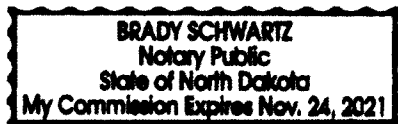
Dated this 30 day of July, 2018.

**GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY  
(SAC 381615)**

By [Signature]  
Tyler Kilde  
Its: President

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Cass             )

On this 30th day of July, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TYLER KILDE, known to me to be the President of GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY (SAC 381615), the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



[Signature]  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
IN CASE NO. PU-18-284 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY  
CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of Minnesota                     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Norman                     )

Mark Forseth, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Halstad Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of CEO.

2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an ETC. The Company receives Support from two study area codes identified by USAC as 361401 and 389002.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Halstad Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to

qualifying low-income consumers.

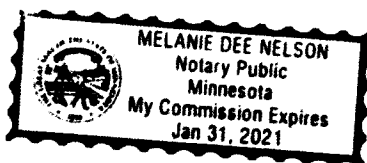
Dated this 25 day of July, 2018.

**HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY**

By Mark Forseth  
Its. CEO

State of Minnesota                 )  
County of Norman                 ) ss.  
  )

On this day of July 25, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared MARK FORSETH, known to me to be the C E O of HALSTAD COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Melanie Nelson  
Notary Public  
For the State of Minnesota

My commission expires: Jan 31, 2021

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90  
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota       )  
  ) ss.  
County of Barnes            )

Mark Johnson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager/CEO.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout

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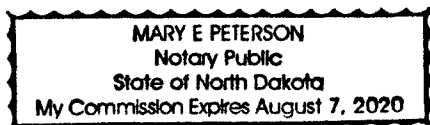
Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

**INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE  
COMPANY, LLC**

By *Mark Johnson*  
Mark Johnson  
Its: General Manager/CEO

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Barnes         )

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared MARK JOHNSON, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO of INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



*Mary E Peterson*  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota



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**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU 439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90  
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-90**

**AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

SOUTH DAKOTA            )  
                                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF BROWN        )

James Groft, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. I am the CEO of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company of Groton, South Dakota (hereinafter, the "Cooperative").

2. The Cooperative is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Cooperative is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Cooperative as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. I am personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Cooperative, and with how the Cooperative uses all Support it receives.

4. The Cooperative is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year, and will be used in the coming calendar year, by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Cooperative is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Cooperative's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2016, and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Cooperative hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Cooperative will use

the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, through the Cooperative's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2018.

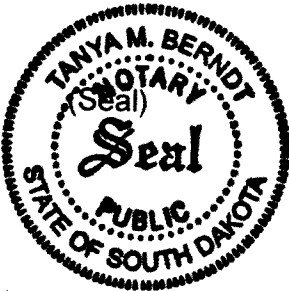
**JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY**

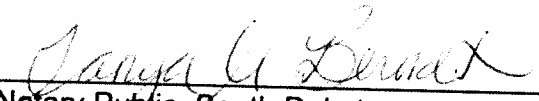


By: James Groft  
Its: CEO

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
SS  
COUNTY OF BROWN

On this 28th day of August, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared **James Groft**, known to me to be the CEO of **James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company**, the cooperative that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such cooperative executed the same.



  
Notary Public, South Dakota

My Commission Expires: 9-21-22

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
IN CASE NO. PU-18-284 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC. CERTIFYING  
USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Minnesota                    )  
  ) ss.  
County of Otter Tail                )

Staci Malikowski, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Arvig Enterprises, Inc. the holding company of Loretel Systems, Inc. (SAC 361443) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of CFO.
2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an ETC.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019.
5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Loretel Systems, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

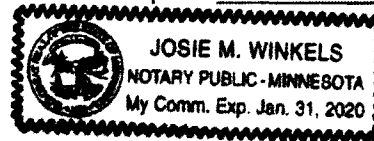
LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC.

By [Signature]  
Staci Malikowski  
Its: CFO

State of Minnesota )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Otter Tail )

On this day of 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared STACI MALIKOWSKI, known to me to be the CFO of LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

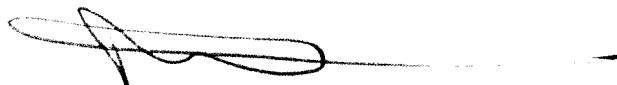
[Signature]  
Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 1-31-20



State of South Dakota )  
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County of Minnehaha )

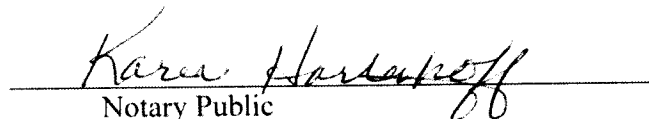
### AFFIDAVIT

As an officer of Midcontinent Communications, I, Patrick J. Mastel, hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 Section 254(e) and in WC Docket No. 14-58. This is in respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost support. I hereby affirm that all federal high-cost support received by Midcontinent Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.



Patrick J. Mastel  
General Counsel  
Midcontinent Communications

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

  
Notary Public

Notary Print Name: Karen Hartenhoff  
My Commission Expires: 4-21-2022

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

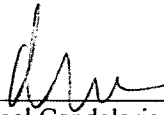
IN THE MATTER OF THE 2018 )  
Annual Certification of Eligible )  
Telecommunications Carriers to the ) COMMISSION CASE NO. PU-18-284  
Federal Communications Commission for ) Docket No. 14.58  
2019 High Cost and Low-Income Support )

AFFIDAVIT OF Michael Candelaria

Michael Candelaria, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

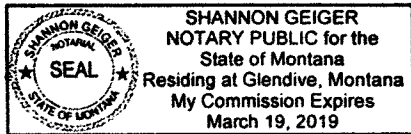
1. Affiant is employed by Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of President.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "ACT"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of the Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit with reference to WC Docket NO. 14-58 and in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and modified by the FCC's November 18, 2011 Transformation Order FCC 11-161, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2002 in Case NO. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it only used support in 2017 and will only use support in 2019 for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7

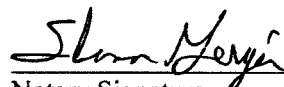
Dated this 10 day of September 2018

  
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Michael Candelaria  
General Manager/CEO  
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

State of Montana  
County of Danison

Signed and sworn to before me on September 10, 2014 by Michael Candelaria.



  
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Notary Signature

(Affix Notarial Seal/Stamp Above)

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441

AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

REGARDING

CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota )

) ss.

County of Mountrail )

Ryan Wilhelmi, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Midstate Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Sections 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Sections 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.147, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019.



5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Midstate Communications, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 25 day of July, 2018.

MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

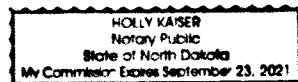
By Ryan Wilhelmi  
Ryan Wilhelmi  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota )

) ss.

County of Mountrail )

On this 25 day of July, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RYAN WILHELMI, known to me to be the Manager of MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Holly Kaiser  
Notary Public

For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: Sept 23, 2021

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**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90  
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
REGARDING**

**CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota    )

                                  ) ss.

County of Mountrail    )

Ryan Wilhelmi, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Midstate Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Sections 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Sections 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Midstate Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

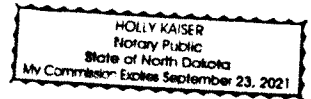
Dated this 25 day of July, 2018.

**MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY**

By Ryan Wilhelmi  
Ryan Wilhelmi  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Mountrail )

On this 25 day of July, 2018, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RYAN WILHELMI, known to me to be the Manager of MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Holly Kaiser  
Notary Public

For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: Sept 23, 2021